

Remarks

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-8, 10, and 12-20 are rejected. Claims 2, 9, and 11 are objected to. Claims 21-26 are allowed. Claims 1, 8 and 11 are amended herein. Claims 2, 9, and 15-20 are cancelled. No new matter is added. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

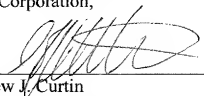
The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 21-26 as well as his indication of allowability of claims 2 and 9.

Claims 1 and 8 are amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claims 2 and 9, respectively. Claim 11 is amended to depend from claim 8. Claims 15-20 are cancelled.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-3650.

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